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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT : Deployment of Base C Pilot Personnel

1. With the probable slippage of Detachment C's deployment date by at least two weeks and with the completion of the USCM for C by no later than 28 October, we are again faced with the situation where the eight pilot personnel assigned to Colonel Beerli will have more than ample time for an extended pre-deployment leave.

2. Assuming a 1 December deployment date, these pilots will have something in the neighborhood of more than thirty days at their disposal. In the past, we have sent pilot personnel overseas following the physical deployment of the detachment to which they were assigned. In each case we sent them overseas by commercial air. In view of the time-gap between the USCM and the deployment of the main body of Detachment C, I recommend that the pilots be deployed, in this instance, by military air, leaving with the first C-18 air-lift. Not only would this be a saving in dollars to us, but it would avoid prolonging their leave status to a point where it would be somewhat embarrassing for us to cover it in the event of direct questioning from outside the project.

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